Stans Reported Seeking Secret Campaign Funds

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 19 (UPI)—The chief fund-raiser for President Nixon's re-election campaign met recently with a group of wealthy St. Louis Republicans and urged them to make large contributions by April 3 to avoid disclosure of their gifts, The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported today.

A new federal law setting stringent requirements on contribution disclosure will go into effect April 7.

The report said the appeal was made at a private meeting here March 9 by former Secretary of Commerce Maurice H. Stans as part of a nationwide effort to obtain a huge campaign treasure chest for Mr. Nixon. It said Stans urged the 30 or 40 present to beat the April 7 deadline which will require that individual contributions of $100 or more be made public.

"Persons who were at these sessions said that Stans urged those in attendance to financially support Mr. Nixon's re-election bid in the form of numerous separate gifts of $3,000 or $4,000 each to any of what he said were about 90 Nixon re-election committees," the newspaper said.